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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, OCTOBER 24, FROM CAIRO RPTD
TO YOU:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 8434

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DEPT FOR SAUNDERS

DEPT PLEASE PASS MOSCOW-FOR ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EGEN EG
SUBJ: JOINT ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP: FCN TREATY

1. I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT GOE WOULD CONSIDER NEGOTIATION
OF AN FCN TREATY WITH USG PREMATURE FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS:
(A) AS DEPT NOTES, IT WOULD PUT GOE OUT IN FRONT OF OTHER
ARAB STATES, (B) INSUFFICIENT PROGRESS HAS AS YET BEEN
MADE ON SETTLEMENT ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM AND ON US
ECONOMIC AID TO EGYPT TO WARRANT TAKING POLITICAL RISK OF
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SIGNING SUCH AGREEMENT, (C) IT WOULD GIVE UNNECESSARY

OFFENSE TO SOVIETS AT A TIME WHEN BREZHNEV
HAS FINALLY AGREED TO VISIT CAIRO AND EGYPTIANS ARE
SALIVATING AT PROSPECTS SOVIET AID MAY BEFORE
LONG BE RESUMED, (D) ADVERSE REACTION OTHER
NON-ALIGNED STATES. IN ANY CASE, SADAT HAS REPEATEDLY MADE THE
POINT, PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY, THAT HIS NEW
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE USG HAS DEVELOPED WITHOUT
ANY WRITTEN AGREEMENT.

2. WHILE I LIKE TO HAVE FCN CONCLUDED WITH
EGYPT, I BELIEVE JOINT ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP IS THE
WRONG PLACE TO FLOAT SUCH AN IDEA. THERE WILL BE TOO
MANY EGYPTIAN BUREAUCRATS AT THE MEETING WHO WILL KNOW
ABOUT IT AND SPREAD THE WORD. THIS WILL BE UNHELPFUL
TO SADAT.

3. IN MY JUDGMENT, GIVEN POLITICAL SENSITIVITY
OF SUCH AN FCN TREATY PROPOSAL, SUBJECT SHOULD FIRST
BE INFORMALLY AND CONFIDENTIALLY EXPLORED WITH FAHMY
AND THE PRESIDENT TO GET THEIR REACTION. WHATEVER
ECONOMIC BENEFITS FCN TREATY WOULD GIVE EGYPT, AND
I THINK WE HAVE TO BE CANDID AND ADMIT THESE ARE
LIKELY TO BE LIMITED, THE SYMBOLISM OF NEGOTIATING
SUCH A TREATY NOW OR ANY TIME IS
POLITICAL AND SHOULD BE HANDLED IN A POLITICAL CONTEXT.
THE EGYPTIAN BEAURCRACY SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO THE
ACT ONLY RPT ONLY AFTER A HIGH LEVEL GOE POLITICAL
DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO GO AHEAD. I RECOGNIZE WE ARE TRYING
TO FIND POSITIVE THINGS FOR UPCOMING JOINT ECONOMIC MEETING TO
DO, BUT SOMETHING SUCH AS SENSITIVE AS THIS SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE
ONE OF THEM. EILTS UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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